Opening of the Zoology Group in the Science College.

217. **MR. V. J. OOMMEN** (*Commerce and Industry, North*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the action taken on the petition presented to the Dewan by some of the citizens of Trivandrum regarding the starting of Group III-B (Zoology with Botany as a subsidiary subject) in the Science College;

(*b*) what addition to the existing staff of the Zoology and Botany sections has been proposed by the Principal to start Group III-B in that College; and

(*c*) the rule laid down by the Madras University regarding the qualifications and extent of previous service for appointment as Professor in a college?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The Government have resolved to defer the consideration of the question until after the report of the recent University Inspection Commission is received.

(*b*) The recommendations of Heads of Departments and subordinate officers are confidential and cannot be supplied in answer to interpellations.

(*c*) Ordinarily, only persons who have obtained a First Class or Second Class Honours Degree and have had at least four years' teaching experience in colleges in the subject can be appointed as Professors, but the Syndicate of the University may consider special cases in which higher qualification will balance deficiency of teaching experience.

Pattanapuram V. P. Boys' School.

218. **MR. H. B. MAHOMED ROWTHER** (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Pattanapuram V. P. Boys' School caught fire at any time in the past;

(*b*) whether the present roof is tiled;

(*c*) whether there is any privy in the school premises for the use of the pupils; and

(*d*) whether the school has a spacious compound?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes; in 1093.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) No.

MR. H. B. MAHOMED ROWTHER (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): ഇതിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ച വല്ല നടപടിയും നടത്തീട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): എന്തിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ച്?

MR. H. B. MAHOMED ROWTHER (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): പള്ളിക്കൂടം തീ പിടിച്ചതിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ച വല്ല നടപടിയും നടത്തീട്ടുണ്ടോ?

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